

the campuses will be at a level of funding that was anticipated by the committee based upon the budget request of the institutions but it, in effect, places the first priority of the expenditure of general fund monies on the instructional activity at the University of Nebraska. The same type of concept is also included in the state colleges because of the PC format that they have their allocation of funds designated within the appropriation bill. The last section dealing with appropriations is aid to the technical community colleges. The level of funding recommended by the committee to you is \$15,056,000. This compares to their request of in excess of \$16 million. The request, the recommended level on the Governor's part, as I recall, was a little over \$15,130,000. We used a variety of ways to consider what increase the community technical colleges should have. Essentially, what is recommended here is an amount that is equal, that is the increase is equal to the weighted average increase that occurred at the state colleges and the University of Nebraska and that came out at the amount indicated. Last year's appropriation was \$1,100,000. This recommended level is \$15,056,000. We also did it a variety of other ways or considered a variety of other alternatives, one of which would have been appropriating to the community colleges a proportionate amount compared to their share of the total appropriation last year. Had that amount been used, the figure would have been \$14,900,000 rather than the \$15 million figure. We also attempted to arrive at a level of appropriation similar to what we use with the state colleges and the University of Nebraska considering all fund sources but again we are dealing here with a local governmental subdivision and, obviously, do not have the same kind of opportunity to review their budgets as is the case with a state agency. The balance of the provisions, page 20, 21, 22, 23, is essentially the boilerplate, the authorization required by the Constitution for the expenditure of cash funds, federal funds, revolving funds, the trust funds, the gifts and bequests. There is no change in any of these provisions from what has been normally the case for several years. With that, Mr. President, it is a short explanation for a lot of funds. I would be glad to answer any questions relative to any portion of the budget.

PRESIDENT: Does that complete your initial presentation?

SENATOR WARNER: It sure does.

PRESIDENT: Before we have some questions and comments, Senator Rumery's family is under the North balcony, or at least part of it, his grandson, Scott Rumery, and friends, Paul Friemuth, Kevin Stewart and Steve Norman. Would you stand please? Thank you. Senator Cullan.